#### Letters to the Editor

Pick a Good, Honest Girl

ditor of the Evening Public Ledger: -it is to be wondered whether anybody recall what love is in the near future. where so much about the young women marrying for money. It appears to me, from my observations, that a woman can ret along without love better than a man, this man usually tries to believe that he is in love and sticks to the ship as long as he can. But the modern woman is very argumentative, due probably to her education and wordly experience. She is

refr argumentative, due probably to her education and wordly experience. She is scarsiy lovable, in fact. If she really wanted love, she would try to be lovable, for women are not ignorant or dull in matters of getting things for themselves.

It is mostly in trying to get all they can for their husbands that they display ignorance of the ways and means. The fact is great majority of women instinctively use the "seven veils" described by Shakespeare, thus keeping the hubby dizzy so he doesn't in the seven veils" described by Shakespeare, thus keeping the hubby dizzy so he doesn't in the seven veils" described by Shakespeare, thus keeping the hubby dizzy so he doesn't in the seven veils" to increase the cost of such books thus keeping the hubby dizzy so he doesn't seven veils". There is no resulting benefit to any persons in the United States, except possibly to certain firms publishing in for-

list dependence and her independence (used according to expediency).

Woman instinctively tries to hold a man's attention, but always refuses to even consider holding it through his friendship. Thus very few men are "bosom friends" with their wives, as we all know.

As man has curlosity, be will fall in love with a woman whose nature he can cally partly comprehend. He will, of course, abandon those whom he can't understand at all, but, horrors! he will also abandon the one that he can understand thoroughly—his best friend and truest part-ner.

So, young fellow, take a tip from some-lody who not partly stung, but escaped ere it was too late. Pick out a good, honest girl who will help you and whom you can readily understant. readily understand. JOHN T. BOYER.

Philadelphia, July 30, 1921.

There Are True Friends!

The the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—1s it mossible that a person should be void of such common sense as to think that there are no. "True friends" left? Unfortunately I did not see the article on friends, with her definition of a friend aby the condition of a friend aby the condition.

"Miss D. R." in the Poople's Forum and the condition of the co

and types of friends, yet I will not that there are not still real. "true s" in this old war-beaten world. VERNON ARLINGTON. Philadelphia, August 10, 1921

#### Barbers vs. Carpenters

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir—Recently I read a controversy regarding the long hours of janitors, a complaint from a carpenter's wife as to the constant absence of her husband from home on account of his work, etc. Let me say to these people and all other tradesmen that they know nothing at all about the ups and downs of a barber. It has only been during the last two or three years that a barber has had even a little time to himself. My faither always opened his shop at 7 o'clock and never was home until 10 or 11 o'clock, and Sundays he was open till semetimes 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon. 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The men who could sleep late Sunday murnings never realized that a barber could enloy the same privilege. When mother went out she usually went alone, but never with her husband, like other women, because he wouldn't alone the her women. in't close the shop without losing nergy.

Don't you suppose a barber would rather
there are the second all

work eight hours a day then sit around all day and then work late in the evening Ho-llete me, what he earned he earned through As for prices being high, barber pays as much for meat and gro-ceries as any one else. I'm sure "H. J. L." appreciates the fact that a parber has a family to support as well as any other A BARBER'S DAUGHTER.

Philadelphia, August 10, 1921.

#### Our Merchant Marine

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—So much has been said about fleets
of ships lately, but few if any suggestions
have come from our quarter. Therefore I
wish you would have "enciosure" on print in
your good paper.

ACTIVE MASTER. Hog Island, Philadelphia, July 25, 1921. [ENCLOSURE]

Even if freights are very low, it pays better to have our ships running than to have them tied up. Tied up ships are as a rule neglected regarding unkeep. The couple of men assigned to a ship for that purpose cannot overcome it all, and the vessels suffer than is good, both on hull and

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The owners to stipulate a rate per deadweight ton low enough to enable the charterers to operate with a profit, even if small, at the same time keen the owners affect.

the same time keep the owners affoat. In order to accomplish this, both owners and charterers will have to cut expenses, considerably. It is nothing but frightful the staff of clerks some of the operators have for the sake of operating a couple of vessels. In foreign ports, likewise, where the owners are represented. In the latter case, where the owners are concerned, would it not be better or just as well to engage good established firms as agents and pay them the regular fees, which do not amount to so much? These agents will do their utmost to render all necessary services, especially if they stand a chance to fix the ships for

The freights must be paid in advance and on date, if not the vessel should be with-frawn immediately. The charterers have no-sody but themselves to fall back on and cannot charge up losses to the owner (Shipgrew can, in most cases, be cut up to

20 per cent. Office stuff considerably more

They should be instructed to not only work in the owner's interest but charterers' These two parties must keep to as well. These two parties must keep to-gether. The ships will obtain a good name on the market. Easier to get a good offer for charter or sale.

Charterers will soon find out that they profit in owning their own ships, and right here is the opportunity for the Government to get rid of its troublesome fleet.

In the meantime the Shiping issued can see

In the meanting the Shipping Board can go ahead and establish its own lines, which later may be turned over to private concerns, also run them as tramps all over the world, which if handled right, is a good

cept under full bank guarante.

A certain sum should be allowed for unbeen and run of each class of ships. The
master may be held responsible. A bonus
may be paid him for the most successful
handling of his ship.

#### Keep Books on Free List To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

very unfortunate change made by the iney Bill as it has passed the House Paragraph 1529), removing from the free of English published more than twenty

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much in the late war have voiced.

May I have the pleasure of asking Mr.
Burnham whether this war actually cost him anything. Speaking of bonus, the American Legion has never tried to get a bonus, but we are trying to get compensa-tion—there is a difference between bonus and

empensation.
Has Mr. Burnham glanced casually over

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if you are so inclined. The American Legion Sol will not take your check to aid the wounded men lying in the hospitals, but there is a fund to give the boys a Christmas each year that will be worth your while, and that's if where you can deposit that money to do as where you can deposit that money to do as The children land on that blest shore. You suggest. Help the wounded boys, in the meantime use your head; do your own I know that I shall watch and wait voting, read the article in the weekly and the one above yours in the Evenino Pusile Likinger of the third.

JOHN F. BURKE. An American Legionary. Philadelphia, August 3, 1921.

#### Questions Answered

Illinois Pays No Bonus To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Please tell me, through your People's Forum column, if the State of Illinois has granted a bonus to its ex-service men and, if so, where should I apply for par Philadelphia, August 7, 1921.

"Skin of Your Teeth" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—A friend of mine has made the asser-tion that "by the skin of your teeth," a slang expression, is from the Bible, but can-not say where. Can you enlighten me?

Philadelphia, August 7, 1921. In the twentleth verse of the sixteenth chapter of Job occurs the expression: "I am escaped with the skin of my teeth."

Reply to "The Vampire" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-In reply to Kipling's "Vampire" an English woman wrote a poem in the same vein. Will some one tell me the name of

the woman and also quote her poem?

O. E. W. Philadelphia, August 7, 1921.

Marriage Was Legal To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-A marriage was contracted in Illi-ncis and the man used an assumed name

"The Eternal City" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger Sir-What was the first motion picture which Pauline Frederick appeared? L. M. Philadelphia, August 10, 1921.

A Cash Bonus to Soldiers To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger; Sir-Will you please tell me which, an low many. States have adopted a cash conus for soldiers, and what this benus is n each State? This will interest many of

our readers as well as Philadelphia, August 10, 1921. Maine-\$100. Massachusetts-\$100. State also has paid

onus of \$10 for each month of service beween February 3, 1917, and January 5, Michigan-\$15 for each month of service.

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A Poem Desired To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Will you please print the posm which begins: "If I could paint the lady of my dreams." It contains these lines; "I'd take the blackness of a starless night Philadelphia, August 2, 1921. M. W. A.

Title and Author of Poem To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:
Sir-Who is the author of the poem containing the following verse, and what is the Tily the sorrows of a poor old man.

Whose trembling limbs have borne him to
your door. ame of the poem:

Whose days are dwindled to the shortest oh. give relief and heaven will bless you Philadelphia, August 10, 1921. The author of this poem is Thomas Moss and the title of the poem is 'The Bes-

Wants "The Beaten Path" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Will you kindly print for me a poem. The Besten Path"? G. S. D. Philade phia. August 10, 1921.
We do not have a copy of this poem, but a reader may be able to supply it.

Author of Lines

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-Who wrote these lines:
"What female heart can gold despise?
What cat's averse to fish?" Philadelphia, August 10, 1921.

These lines are from Thomas Gray's poets Forwards Complete Poem To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger.

Sir—I read the People's Forum every light, and saw in it the poem "Are All the hildren in?" There are three more verses, which I copied out of my scrapbook. They are too good to leave out. I inclose the em complete.
MRS. CATHERINE ROBERTSON.

Philadelphia, August 5, 1921. ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN? The darkness falls, the wind is high; Dense black clouds fill the western sky; The storm will roon begin The thunders roar, the lightnings flash; hear the great round raindrops dash. Are all the children in?

They're coming softly to my side; No other arms are sure The storm may rage with fury wild, With trusting faith each little child With mother feels secure.

tut future days are drawing near; They'll go from this warm shelter here Out in the world's wild dir

Or shall they find a broken reed When strength of heart they so much need To help them brave the tide?

God knows it all; His will is best I'll shield them now and yield the rest In His most righteous hands. Sometimes the souls He loves are riven By tempests wild- and thus are driven y tempests wild- and Nearer the better land.

If He should call me home before

"Remote the Star" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir—I will appreciate it very much if you will print in your People's Forum the poem the first two lines of which are:

"I will not break the tryst, my dear, Which we have kept so long." Philadelphia, August 7, 1921.

I will not break the tryst, my dear, Which we have kept so long: The winter and its snows are here. And I've no heart for song. You went into the trackless night; Your steps led far away. Hest thou forgot me. Heart's Delight.

As night forgets the day? Sometimes I think that you would speak. If still you held me dear; But space is vast and I am weak,

Perhaps you do not hear. Surely, howe'er remote the star Your wandering feet may tread. When I have crossed the sundering bar, Our souls must still be wed.

"Cousin Jedediah" To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-t am inclosing the words of the song ecently requested, which is called "Countr Jedediah." The author of the words I can not name, but the music was composed in H. S. Thompson. H. W. R.

COUSIN JEDEDIAH Oh. Jacob, get the cows home and put them in the pen.

For the consins are a-coming to see us all again:

The dowdy's in the pan and the turkey's on

the fire. And we must all get ready for Cousin Jedediah. REFRAIN Cousin Jedediah, there's Hezikiah, and

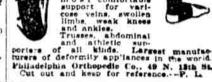
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